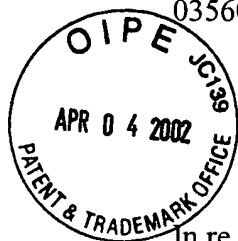


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KAZUOMI OISHI

Application No.: 09/222,846

Filed: December 30, 1998

For: IMAGE INPUT
APPARATUS, IMAGE
INPUT METHOD,
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND
ENCRYPTION PROCESSING
PROGRAM STORED IN
COMPUTER-READABLE
MEDIUM

Examiner: G. Newton

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2001 for two months from February 7, 2002 to April 7, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$400.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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